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Observance of Sunday as a holiday in local board schools.

687 Q.—Mr. A. T. PALMER: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the observance of Sunday as a day of rest is optional in schools under local boards?

A.—* The observance of Sunday as a holiday is obligatory in the case of schools under local boards.

Mr A. T. PALMER:—"May I take the liberty of asking whether the word 'holidays' includes 'Sundays' also?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"It does, Sir."

Minimum pay of unpassed candidates employed in civil courts.

688 Q.—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Law Member and the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in spite of G.O. No. 1653, Law (Education), dated 18th November 1921, the Government have in view any intention of not allowing *unpassed candidates who prior to 6th August* 1917 *held permanent appointments in superior service* to draw the minimum pay of clerks, viz., Rs. 35 sanctioned therein;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that regardless of the Proceedings of the High Court consequent upon the letter from the Secretary, (Law), Government of Madras, to the Chief Justice (No. 52, dated 10th January 1922), there are still many such unpassed candidates employed in the civil courts who are not allowed to draw the minimum salary of Rs. 35; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any intention of not allowing such candidates the annual increment of the scale of pay up to the maximum of Rs. 65 as sanctioned in the Government order under reference?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 722, Law (Education), dated the 13th June 1922, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member to call for reports from the civil courts in the Presidency as to the number of candidates who are not allowed to draw the minimum pay of Rs. 35 referred to in the question? I am told there are some instances in Malabar."

The hon. Sir K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"I am afraid it is not worth the trouble."

Depressed classes representation in the Negapatam taluk board.

689 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nominated members on the Negapatam taluk board, and how many of them are non-Brahmans; and

(*b*) whether there is no member of the depressed classes on this board; and why?

* This is substituted at the instance of the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government for the answer actually delivered in Council.